

## Enrollments for the 2008-2009 4-H Year

We are currently accepting enrollments for the next 4-H year — the deadline to re-enroll is October 31st. Regular enrollment fees are \$15 per member - \$30 per family (not including the leader membership) - \$5 per leader - \$5 per Cloverbud. Enrollments received after October 31st will be charged a \$5 late fee per member/leader. Each additional month after that will be an additional \$5 per month with a maximum of \$15.00 per member or leader. The new Clover books are in our office. You may pick up your enrollment forms and Clovers at the Gallatin County 4-H office 201 West Madison, Suite 300, Belgrade. We are in the Valley Professional Offices, Building #2 (just east of the Lee & Dad's shopping center) or download the enrollment form from our website at www.gallatinextension.com. If you have any questions call us at 388- 3213.

## 2008 State Leaders Forum

The Montana 4-H Leaders Forum, "Fall Into Leadership", September 26-27 in Great Falls, MT, is an opportunity for 4-H leaders to gain new insights, learn about new projects, and mingle with other 4-H leaders from across the state. It's basically a conference for 4-H volunteers. Workshops include project ideas, strengthening the learning experience, useful and educational activities, and dealing with a diversity of people. Keynote speaker is Kim Gibbs "Stirrup Success" and entertainment provided by TJ Casey, singer, songwriter, storyteller, humorist.

Registration is \$65.00 due by September 2nd and \$70 after September 2nd. Registration closes September 16 and is limited to 200. There are grant funds available for first time attendees that covers the registration cost. Motel rooms are available from \$75.00. If interested, please call the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 388-3213 for complete information and registration materials. Scholarships are available through the Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council.

## 2008 NILE Merit Heifer Program (A live animal scholarship)

The purpose of the project is to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business by awarding heifer calves to project participants chosen on the basis of merit, need, future goals and ability to care for the animal. Any youth ages 13-17, who is a 4-H or FFA member may enter. Entries are not limited to Montana. Entries will be made in the form of an application, (think of this as



applying for a live animal scholarship) with a deadline of September 15, 2008. Project participants will be selected by October 1, 2008, will be recognized at the NILE Stock Show in October 2008 and will make delivery arrangements for their heifers in December 2008. Each program participant will own their calf jointly with NILE until the completion of the program, at which time NILE officials will sign off and the participant will take full ownership of the heifer and her offspring. During the program duration, participants are responsible for raising the heifer, arranging for her to be bred, completing the record keeping procedure and bringing the animal back one year later as a bred replacement heifer for exhibit at the Nile Stock Show (October 2009). The program is completed after the heifer is determined bred, all record keeping has been completed and the heifer has been shown at the 2009 NILE. Note: participants will **not** sell their program animals at NILE, the purpose of this program is to help the participant start his or her own cattle herd. Enrollment forms can be found at www.meritheifer.com.

## Fairgrounds Balances Due By Project:

Beef: \$54.70

Dairy Cow: Credit of (\$44.00)

Dog: \$443.40

Dog Obedience: \$269.63 Fly Tying: \$178.30

Foods: \$96.00

Gallatin Valley Livestock: Credit of (\$316.15) Gateway Challengers: Credit of (\$111.00) Horse: \$4,771.33

Horticulture: Credit of (\$800.00)

Marketing: \$108.00 Pocket Pets: \$244.25

Poultry: \$18.80 Rabbit: Credit of (\$22.70)

Round Robin: \$174.63 Sheep: Credit of (\$225.50) Skateboarding: \$260.75

Swine: \$148.65 Wood: \$69.83

4-H: Credit of (\$631.68)

Total Owed: \$4,687.24